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APPLICANT: Soo Young Choi et al.

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FOR: CONTROLLING THE PROPERTIES AND UNIFORMITY
OF A SILICON NITRIDE FILM BY CONTROLLING
THE FILM FORMING PRECURSORS

§ Group Art Unit: 2813

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§ Examiner:

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C. W. Whitehead, Jr.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
AND REVISED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"
AND FORMAL DRAWINGS
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450


Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 8, 2004. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, applicant is submitting a Revised Preliminary Amendment "A". The original Preliminary Amendment "A" was submitted on June 24, 2004, and the present amendment differs from the original Preliminary Amendment "A" only in that Remarks referring to the drawings have been changed. In addition, an entire set of four (4) sheets of informal drawings, which have been labeled "ANNOTATED, MARKED-UP DRAWINGS", is being submitted, even though changes are only being made to Sheet 3 of the drawings. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is also enclosed herewith.

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as U.S. Express Mail No. ED255566643US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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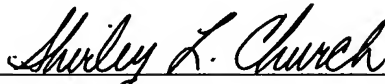

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Also submitted herewith are two (2) sets of FIVE (5) pages of FORMAL drawings to replace the previously submitted informal drawings. Each drawing is labeled on its front with the application serial number, name of the inventor, title of the patent application, attorney docket number, page number, and the name of the contact should there be any questions about the drawings. The Formal Drawings have been labeled "Replacement Sheets".

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response to Non-Compliant Amendment, Revised Preliminary Amendment "A", and formal drawings. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley L. Church", is written over a horizontal line.

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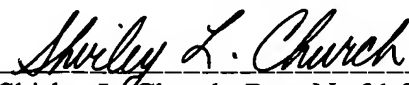
This Revised Preliminary Amendment "A" is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 8, 2004. The original Preliminary Amendment "A" was submitted on June 24, 2004. This Revised Amendment "A" is identical to applicant's original Amendment "A", except that Remarks referring to the drawings have been changed. In addition, an entire set of four (4) sheets of informal drawings, which have been labeled "ANNOTATED, MARKED-UP DRAWINGS", is being submitted, even though changes are only being made to Sheet 3 of the drawings.

Please amend the application as follows.

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